

APPLICATION FOR BOTTOM AQUACULTURE LEASE

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES STATE HOUSE STATION 21 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

AS AN APPLICANT, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE WITH THIS PROCESS. CALL THE AQUACULTURE ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR, JON LEWIS, AT 207-633-9500.

APPLICATION FEES

Non-Refundable Application fees are as follows:

Less than	1 to 10	11 to 50	51 to 150
1 acre	acres	acres	acres
\$ 100	\$ 250	\$ 500	\$ 1000

- 1. Date, Name, Complete Address including County, Telephone at Home and Business.
- **2.** Amount of Application fee enclosed.
- 3. Name of species to be cultivated (see enclosed DMR Aquaculture Lease Regulations, section 2.10.C.2, pg. 2).
- 4. Source of seed stock or juveniles (section 2.10.C.2, pg. 2). (DMR permit required to transport or import, see attached form.)
- **5.** Length of lease term (up to ten years).
- **6.** Total Acreage.
- 7. Exact location of aquaculture lease. Attach a chart showing the location of lease by boundaries and latitude/longitude coordinates and its adjoining waters and shorelands within the general vicinity of the lease. Provide the metes and bounds of the lease. Show water depth contours and lines of mean high and mean low water within the lease, adjoining waters and shorelands. Include scale used. (Section 2.10.C.1., pg. 2).

- 8. Attach a tax map or facsimile or chart showing the locations of the lease and the waters and shorelands within the general vicinity of the lease. The name and addresses of every riparian owner of land within 1000 feet of the lease and the location of their property as shown on the map must be included. The map and list of riparian owners must be certified by the tax collector or clerk of the municipality in which the lease is located as being an accurate copy of this information as maintained by the municipality (section 2.10.C.2., pg. 2).
- 9. Qualifications: Attach information regarding professional expertise such as a resume' and documentation of technical expertise such as practical experience necessary to accomplish the proposed project (section 2.10.C.10, pg. 4).
- 10. Financial capacity: Attach copies of documentation to prove the applicant has the necessary financial resources for the proposed aquaculture activities. Attach documentation of accurate and complete cost estimates of the planned aquaculture activities (section 2.10.C.9., pg. 3 and 4).
- 11. Other Lease Interests and Multiple Ownership: List all other aquaculture leases held by the applicant or in which applicant has a financial interest. If applicant is a corporation or partnership submit information requested on page 3 of this application. (Section 2.12.A,B, and C, pages 5 and 6.)

Pertaining to the area of proposed lease and general vicinity:

- **12.** Describe the navigational uses of the area(s) by type, volume, time, duration, location, and direction of traffic (section 2.10.C.4., pg. 3).
- 13. Describe the degree of exclusive use required by the project and the impact on existing or potential uses of the area (section 2.10.C.5., pg. 3).
- **14.** Describe the current commercial and recreational fishing by the type, duration and amount of activity (section 2.10.C.6., pg. 3).
- 15. Provide the environmental evaluation used to select the proposed lease. Descriptive information shall include but not be limited to:
 bottom characteristics (include but not limited to sediment types, distribution and topography),
 resident flora and fauna (species are very abundant, common, rare), tide levels, current speed and direction (near top and bottom). (Section 2.10.C.3., pg. 3.)
- **16.** Describe the proposed project. If application is for suspended culture or net pen culture a different application form is required.
- 17. The applicant shall give at least 2 weeks notice of the hearing by publication of an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation that serves the area in which or adjacent to which the lease is proposed. The advertisement must state, at a minimum, the location, date, time, and purpose of the hearing and must indicate how a copy of the application and the department site review may be obtained (Sec. 2. M.R.S.A. §6072, sub-§6, ¶D)

The applicant **must** bring a copy of the public notice to the public hearing and present it to the Hearings Officer.

Read instructions before completing.

Applications must be typed.

Please use numbering system for each item listed.

11. Supplemental: Other Lease Interests and Multiple Ownership. If applicant is corporation submit information requested under A. Corporate Applicants. If lease is a partnership submit information requested under B. Partnership Applicant. (Sections 2.12.A,B, and C, pages 5 and 6.)

A. Corporate Applicants.

The date and state in which incorporated and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation;

2. The names, addresses, and titles of all officers;

The names and addresses of all directors;

- 4. Whether the corporation, or any stockholder, director or officer had applied for an aquaculture lease for Maine lands in the past, and the outcome or current status of that application or lease.
- 5. The names and addresses of all stockholders who own or control at least 5% of the outstanding stock and the percentage of outstanding stock currently owned or controlled by each such stockholder.
- 6. The names and addresses of stockholders, directors or officers owning an interest, either directly or beneficially, in any other Maine aquaculture leases, as well as the quantity of acreage from existing aquaculture leases attributed to each such person as described by regulation section 2.12.C.
- 7. Whether the corporation or any officer, director or shareholder listed item 5 above has ever been arrested, indicted or convicted of or adjudicated to be responsible for any violation of any marine resources or environmental protection law, whether state or federal.

B. Partnership Applicant.

- 1. The date and state in which the partnership was formed and a copy of either the Certificate of Limited Partnership or documentation of the formation of a General Partnership.
 - 2. The names, addresses, and ownership shares of all partners;
- 3. Whether the partnership or any partner has applied for an aquaculture lease for Maine lands in the past and the outcome or current status of that application or lease;
 - 4. Whether the partnership or any partner owns an interest, either directly or beneficially, in any other Maine aquaculture leases as well as the quantity of acreage from existing aquaculture leases attributed to the partnership or partner (see regulations section 2.12.C.).
 - 5. Whether the partnership or any partner has been arrested, indicted or convicted of or adjudicated to be responsible for any violation or marine resources or environmental protection law, whether state or federal.

Provide one copy of your application to the Maine Department of Marine Resources (MDMR), address listed below. The applicant shall be notified upon receipt when the application has been reviewed and accepted as complete by the MDMR.

Maine Department of Marine Resources Attn: Mary Costigan, Aquaculture Administrator P.O. Box 8 West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575